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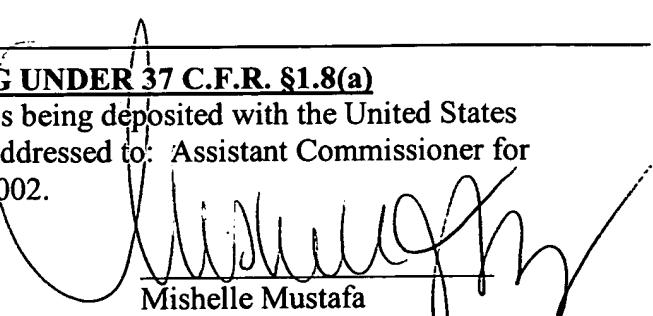
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2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-339454, published December 13, 1994 together with an English language abstract;
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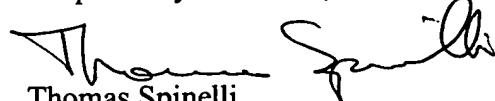
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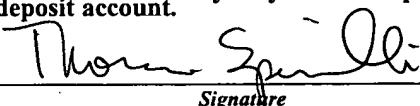
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